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SECOND ARMED ROBBERY SUSPECT ARRESTED

On Sunday, April 29, 2012 a robbery occurred at approximately 2:30 a.m. in the parking lot to Coconuts Bar, 39 Persimmon Street, Bluffton, South Carolina. The suspects approached two individuals in the parking lot and began hitting them. The suspects then went through the pockets of the victims and took approximately 100 dollars in cash and a cell phone. The victim, Henry Ward, was transported to Coastal Carolina Hospital where he was treated for minor injuries to his jaw and lip.

Bluffton Police Investigators spoke with Henry Ward and he identified Corey Avery as one of the individuals who had robbed him. Upon further investigation, Henry Ward was able to identify his second attacker, Joey Ward III (no relation), through a photo lineup. There was also a witness to the incident who overheard the co-defendants talking about robbing Henry Ward in the parking lot.

On May 11, 2012 the Bluffton Police Department, with cooperation from the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office, arrested Joey Ward III for Strong Armed Robbery. Joey Ward III was transported to the Beaufort County Detention center and is currently being held on a \$75,000 cash bond.

The incident is still under investigation and anyone with information is encouraged to call the Bluffton Police Department's tip line at 843-706-4560.



Joseph Grayson Ward
41 Rainbow Road
Bluffton, SC 29910
DOB: 03-04-1989

Charges

1. 16-11-0325 Strong Arm Robbery-Felony

